

REMARKS

Applicants thank Examiner Stockton for the indication in the Office Action of August 1, 2005 that the subject matter of Claims 7, 15 and 17 is allowed. Applicants further thank Examiner Stockton for the helpful and courteous discussion of October 31, 2005. During the discussion, the Examiner agreed that deletion of prophylaxis and/or preventing from Claims 8 and 10 would bring the claims into condition for allowance.

The Examiner further agreed to enter an amendment to include atherosclerosis as one of the treatable diseases because the Office Action indicates that such scope of the claims is enabled. Atherosclerosis was previously considered and therefore its inclusion in Claims 8 and 10, does not raise a new issue for consideration.

Claims 8 and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph for lack of enablement. The Office states the following:

[B]ecause the specification, while being enabling for treating diseases/disorders such as diabetes, osteoporosis, hypertension, atherosclerosis, polycystic ovary syndrome, etc., does not reasonably provide enablement for the prophylaxis, or prevention, of all the diseases/disorders listed in Claims 8 and 10. (See paragraph bridging pages 3 and 4 of the Office Action of August 1, 2005).

Thus, the Office has stated that Claims 8 and 10 are in conformance with the enablement requirement of 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph for the treatment of diseases included in the diseases recited in Claims 8 and 10 including atherosclerosis.

Applicants submit the amendment to the claims places all now-pending claims in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejection and the allowance of all now-pending claims.

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